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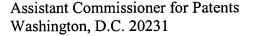
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Applicant(s): Serial No.: Filed: Title: Feldman 09/473,176 December 28, 1999 Partitioned Flat Fluorescent Lamp Atty. Docket No.: Client Ref. No.: Group Art Unit: Examiner: 66180.0400 A62-25527US 2879 Roy, Sikha TC 2800 MAIL ROO



Dear Sir:

In connection with Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Page 10, paragraph beginning at line 22, amend the paragraph to read as follows:

--Additional materials may be included to enhance lamp performance. For example, a semi-transparent layer may also be applied to at least some portion of the interior of the enclosure in Fig. 2 (e.g., at layer 228 or along inner surface of 214) to prevent ultraviolet emissive material migration into the fluorescent material or into the matrix of substrate. The